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APPOINTMENTS

Father Duce has been appointed Vice Provincial. Father Joseph King, Vice Rector at Los Gatos; and Father Madden, Vice Rector at Loyola High. Province Consultators for the time being, Father Joseph King and Father Rudolph.

Father James Kearney has been appointed Mission Procurator in China, where he is to collaborate with Father Pius Moore in California.

LAST VOWS

On February 2, Father Maginnis and Father Lynch pronounced their Last Vows in Los Angeles; Father Copeland, at Santa Clara; Father Duffy and Brother Lee, at Alma; Fathers Phillips, in Shanghai.

ALMA

In January Bishop Armstrong visited Alma and said the Community Mass. He was accompanied by Father Grovaert of Tacoma.

On January 16, Father Moore addressed the Theologians on China.

Mr. Hesser returned after a prolonged stay at O'Connor Sanitarium.

Father Schaechtel is stationed at Loyola High.

Father Fagothey wrote a paper on "Man and the World" for the Philosophy Convention held at the Palace Hotel. San Francisco, January 28-29. Father F. Sheerin discussed a paper on "Man God's Creature"; and Father McGloin, one on "Man and the Home."

The fourth year Fathers began taking out points on January 19th.

On January 16, Fathers Kennedy and O'Dowd of the San Francisco diocesan clergy visited Alma.

In January work started on the new highway, as 100 men cleared a track through our property. By January 6, all the trees were down and the underbrush was removed. No attempt was made to salvage the wood. The road cutting through the property goes straight for a mile without a turn to right or left.

LOS ALTOS

During December Father McCummiskey visited his mother who was very sick. Still lingering, she is completely helpless.

Fifty-two men made the first retreat in January. From Marin County, they wee gathered by Milton Haley and Baldo Ivancovich. Some had to stay the night at Santa Clara. Father McFadden also went to Santa Clara.

In January 11 diocesan priests, the first group in several months, were at El Retiro for a Day of Recollection. Immensely pleased, they are expected to return.

Bishop Armstrong arranged to have his priests make their retreat at El Retiro in the 3rd and 4th weeks of July. He claims it is just as easy to reach Los Altos, as Sacramento; and plenty cooler.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Under the direction of Father Madigan and Father Ferguson a most successful Latin and Greek Academy was hld by the classical students of Loyola University.

The Macaenas Club of Loyola University and the Loyola Mothers Guild each presented the University with a New Year gift of $600.

Father McQuillan, Father Whelan, Father McCoy, Father Geo. Butler and Father Connolly were guests for dinner at the home of Archbishop Cantwell.

Mr. Sherman E. Beahm who made a retreat on the campus last summer and has since been baptised, made the University a most welcome gift of 80 tree roses and 160 rose bushes.

The University is taking an active part in the drive for funds to construct the Major Seminary of the Los Angeles Diocese. Father Heney wrote one of

the three sermons to be preahed in all the churches. Three preaching assignments have also been given to the Fathers.

"The Spanish Loyalists," a poem by Father Leonard Feeney in "America," November 27, 1937, met with a good deal of adverse criticism. Father Rossetti published a revised verrsion of the poem in the "Loyolan" for the second week of January.

Father Russell paid a glowing tribute in his article on Father Rossetti's "Ignatian Thoughts."

The Loyola School of Law has been elected to membership in the Association of American Law Schools. Other new members are the law schols of U. S. F. and Boston College.

Father Vaughan attended a meeting at Pomona College for reigious educators in Southern California. A radical speaker for an hour supported rugged individualism and liberalism. He declared that even our public school system is Fascist. He attacked defensive wars and capitalism. He concluded by saying that the Catholic Church is our greatest enemy, and ridiculed the Encyclicals of Pope Leo and Pope Pius. At the end he cried out: "The Catholic Church teaches the divine authority of all rulers, all obtaining their authority directly from God. And of course, the the Pope is the mouthpiece of God." Father Vaughan at once arose and declared that he resented the last statement, for it was neither scholarly nor gentlemanly. He added that he thought it strange to be invited to a meeting to be insulted. He took his hat and coat and walked out.

LOYOLA HIGH

several with leading roles, take part in

About 100 Loyola High students, the "Pageant of the Priesthood," staged during the drive for Seminary funds. $1,500,000 is the goal. For two weeks the English and Religion classes write esasys and stories concerning the priesthood.

The sixth annual Apologetic Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Loyola Sodality for all the Archdiocesan High Schools, to cooperate with the Seminary Drive, has selected the Priesthood as the theme for the speeches. Twenty-eight Catholic High Schools are expected to compete.

Father Falvey gave a lecture on the Encyclical on Labor, for the study club at St. Peter's.

Fathers Leahy and Doyle have been assigned to preach in various churches for the Seminary Drive.

Father Madden gives conferences and hears confessions each week in seven different convents.

Every month the Sodalists sell 2425 pieces of Catholic literature.

The Sodality is giving two big entertainments for the orphans.

Sodalists are engaged in forming a "Legion of Truth" to clean up the magazines. It is hoped the movement will become national like the Legion of Decency. It condemns and cancels subscriptions to the more violent anti-Catholic and anti-moral magazines. It campaigns against the more subtle propaganda of magazines like "Time" and "Life."

A writers club under the direction of Mr. Pociask is writing essays, etc., for "The Queen's Page" and other Catholic periodicals.

Of the 15 non-Catholics in the school, 6 are taking instruction from the chaplain, 4 are becoming more interested in the faith. Only 4 are indifferent.

Father Flynn will give the retreat at St. Agnes' High.

Father Leahy will give three school retreats.

Loyola sent another postulant to Los Gatos. Van Woerkom '37. He entered as a Brother.

"The Social Justics Forum" of the Los Angeles Clergy continues its monthly meetings at Loyola, under the direction of Father Leahy aided by Father Falvey.

Ten civic and labor organizations are asking Father Leahy for lectures on the Encyclicals.

Father Geo. Butler is again touring the schools with his lectures on the League of the Sacred Heart.

New lawns and new cement and gravel walks have been installed and beautify the grounds.

Father Edmund Walsh of Georgetown was at the school for a few days, while visiting Georgetown alumni.

LOS GATOS

At Midnight Mass on Christmas, Brother Robert Littlejohn pronounced the first vows of a Scholastic.

Two Coadjutor Postulants arrived from Los Angeles, Brothers Thomas Cryer and Alfons Van Woerkom. There are now four Brother Postulants, with a promise of several more.

Fathers McQuillan and Spearman spent recreation with the Juniors in December. Father Al Whelan gave the Novices and Juniors a talk on the work and purposes of "America."

On January 8, Father Shipsey addressed the Juniors on modern trends

in teaching English. Tere is a lack of objectives in English courses in schools which have departed from the best traditions.

The rubrics for Benediction were not precisely carried out in the usual form, when Father John Brolan gave Benediction during the holidays. The dried evergreens on the altar took fire, and Brother Connolly and a novice brought fire extinguishers to check what might have been a bad fire. The extinguishers were in good condition. One reached all the way to the mural painting of the Sacred Heart, high up above the altar.

SAN FRANCISCO

Year-end triduums: Father Taylor, Ursulines at St. John's; Father Feely, Mercy Sisters at St. Peter's and St. Mary's; Father Howard, Presentation Sisters at Motherhouse.

Father Cody was sent to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment by Dr. Vizzard.

The high school physics teacher transferred suddenly to Lowell High during the Christmas vacation. He is a heavy loss to the school.

Father Connolly gave the University students' retreat in January.

During 1937 in San Francisco Hospital there were 152 adults baptised, 12 prepared for First Communion, 1,358 received the last sacraments. At St. Mary's Hospital during that time 25 adults were baptised, 234 received the last sacraments.

Father Peter Dunne went to Mexico during the Christmas holidays. He rode in trucks over impossible roads into the back country of the missions in the mountains. He brought back an arrow head from Zape where four of our martyrs were killed. He photographed their portraits as they now hang in the old church. No priest has been resident there for years: some women in the little pueblo care for the church. He met Ours at Parras and Torreon. They were the soul of kindness and hospitality.

"Death rode the steam shovel" when workmen were excavating behind the college building for a rifle range. The engineer was shocked to see a well dressed old man sitting with hands joined and legs hanging over the edge of the rising shovel. A forgotten steel casket had been broken into by the machine. The cemetery authorities hurried out to inter the remains in the new cemetery.

Father Feeley was chairman at the afternoon session on January 28, of the Catholic Philosophical Convention in San Francisco.

SANTA BARBARA

A mission in our church for Italians was well attended. With Father Aquistapace as chaplain, the Italian Catholic Federation is experiencing a revival.

Following the wishes of the Archbishop, Father Bassett is forming a large group of public high school students into study clubs.

Father Stack was guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Arts Department of the State College. He also spoke at the St. Francis Guild Reunion at the Hospital, and at the initiation banquet of the Catholic Daughters of America.

In recognition for his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Father Marine was given membership on the Speakers Bureau of the Community Chest.

Because of the Community Chest Drive, the SeminaryC ampaign has been postponed in the Santa Barbara area until after Easter.

SANTA CLARA

Father Provincial made the visitation, January 12-22.

Bishop Armstrong said Mass for the students.

For the first time Bishop Armstrong made a complete inspection of the library, the gym and the Galtes Museum. He was greatly surprised and pleased. After the gym, the gold mine exhibit in the museum particularly interested him. Many of the mines are in the diocese: Poker Flat, Grizzly Bear, Jackass, Poor Man's Gulch. The specimens are in five long rows reaching from end to end on one side of a big room. One thousand excellent specimens represent 1000 different mines. The ores were sent to Santa Clara from the earliest days for assaying.

BELLARMINE PREP

Before Christmas the Sodality gave a Santa Claus party to the children who attend catechism at Bellarmine on Saturdays of the year.

The scholastics recreation room has been completely renovated.

The regents of the northern part of the Province spent a few days during the Christmas vacation at Bellarmine. They were lodged in Kostka Hall.

V. R. Fr. Provincial made the visitation January 4-8.

On January 5, Rev. Charles Leahy at a conference for the officers of the Sodality, gave some long looked for direction.

Father Minister added color to the

gardens by transplanting Japanese Maple and Nandina from Alma.

The Bellarmine branch of Boy Scouts held a court of honor and received new members. Fathers of the boys were guests of the evening.

Plans for the new co-op and the new social hall are being made. The chapel will shortly be moved to its new location.

Practice for the annual play has begun. The play, "The First Night," has been rearranged by Father Fox for an all-male cast.

Father Fox gave two Recollection Days at the close of the year for the Notre Dame Sisters at Saratoga and in San Jose. Father Daze gave two triduums for the Mercy Sisters at Belmont and Burlingame; Father Gaffney one for the Mercy Sisters at the Hospital, Sacramento.

Christmas calls: Father Franchi, St. Mary's, Stockton; Father Fox, St. Thomas, San Francisco; Father Gaffney, St. Patrick's, San Jose; Father Robidoux, St. Joseph's, San Jose.

FATHER REGAN

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bishop Buddy visited Father Regan at San Ysidro, blessed the newly decorated church, and said Mass for the Mexicans. A Mexican dinner followed and eight scenes enacting the story of the Appirition.

The Bishop authorized Father to purchase property for a playground for the school and for a private garden for the Sisters.

He says three Masses on Sundays; one is for the children. Each Mass is quite crowded.

He is to spend a day or two each month at Loyola High, for a rest and for a bit of community life.

CHINA

"Jesuit Missions" has been very generous to our Fathers in China. The editor divided a goodly sum four ways between Fathers Kearney, Lennon, McGreal and Simons.

"Jesuit Missions" has also provided the Province with Masses for our Fathers in China, sending a total of 285 for the end of December and the beginning of January. This is welcome aid for the Province and for the Missionaries.

Cordell Hull of the United States wired to the folks of Father Magner in San Francisco, to say that Father Magner was safe. Wuhu was to be bombarded and Father Magner was taken aboard the British H. M. S. Bee. He eventually went with the other tertians on a French gunboat to Kinkiang, further up the river.

Mr. Clifford has succeeded Mr. Albert O'Hara as editor of the "China Letter."

Mr. O'Hara goes out once a week to the safety zone established by Father Jacquinot, where there are 250,000 people to be fed and clothed. The Scholastics help wtih the sick, hungry and dying.

Father Provincial said the funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, San Jose, for Mrs. Ryan, mother of Father Simons. Father Moore recited the prayers at the grave in Santa Clara Cemetery. Father Duce brought Mr. Paul O'Brien from Alma to attend the funeral.

VARIA

Father Provincial leaves California on February 10. He and Father Wm. Dunne go east together. They will be in New York no more than two days. The "Vulcania" leaves New York February 18, and calls at Lisbon and docks at Naples.

Three Portuguese Franciscans are to give missions to the Portuguese in California. One of them, Father Arthur Pereira, will give the Portuguese Mission at St. Clare's.

Father Drathman came to St. Joseph's, San Jose, to use his well known ability with safes. He adjusted two of them for the proper guarding of parish records.

Father Moore gave a triduum to the students at Notre Dame Academy, Alameda. Also, to the students at Marywood Academy, Anaheim.

Father Joseph O'Brien began his thesis before Christmas. In July he sets out for America.

Mr. Wm. Finnegan will be ordained this summer and also Mr. John O'Farrell. With the 14 at Alma, the Province will have an increase of 16 Priests this year.

Fathers Dillon and Thomas Martin go to Rome from Oregon; Fathers Duane and Phillips from New York; Fathers Creeden and Fox from New England.

Unofficial information divides the New York-Maryland Province into a New York Province and a Maryland Province. Maryland takes Maryland, Pennsylvania, lower New Jersey, Virginia, and North Carolina.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Father Spearman's father.
Brother Moore's mother.
Father Simon's mother.
Father Moore's brother.